



## PORTABLE MEDIA PLAYER

## COWON C2

**VERDICT:** A fantastic audio player if you can get past the dodgy design and UI.

**FOR:** Excellent audio quality, great battery life, easy navigation.

**AGAINST:** Not very compact, resistive touchscreen, small UI icons, average video playback

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Rs 7,000**

[www.cowonindia.in](http://www.cowonindia.in)

Dimensions (WxHxD): **78.7 x 53 x 12.8 mm**; Weight: **84 g**; Capacity: **4/8/16 GB**; Display: **2.6 in, 320x240 pixels**; Memory expansion: **microSD**; Audio codec: **MP3, WMA, FLAC, OGG, APE, WAV**; Video codec: **MPEG layer 1/2/3 and WMV**; Other functions: **Photo viewer, FM radio and text viewer**

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## RATINGS

BUILD QUALITY	★★★★☆
ERGONOMICS	★★★★☆
FEATURES	★★★★☆
PERFORMANCE	★★★★☆
OVERALL RATING	★★★★☆
VALUE FOR MONEY	★★★★☆

The C2 isn't exactly a slim PMP, but while the design isn't extraordinary, the build quality is top-notch. The bundled earphones aren't in-ear, but are capable of dishing out clear sound. The interface operates smoothly, but the 2.6-inch, 320 x 240 pixel screen isn't too impressive. Navigation between menus is fluid and despite being a resistive touchscreen, it works well. However, the navigation buttons are really tiny and not very responsive. Also, once you dump some more media onto the player, it takes a too long to update the database. The C2 supports a wide range of formats, including MP3, WMA, OGG, APE and FLAC. Since this is primarily an audio player, video support (AVI, ASF, WMV)

isn't as great. The JetEffect 3.0 settings come with 35 presets and 4 user presets, but even without them, audio quality is brilliant. The highs are a bit faint, but the mids and lows are great. The bass feels awesome with just the right level of boom. Features like bookmarks, favorites, and A-B Loop enhance the experience. The video quality doesn't quite match up, but it does play AVI and WMV files satisfactorily, as long as they're short clips. FM plays quite clearly too. With audio playback, the battery lasted about 35 hours, which is not bad at all. Priced at Rs 6,725 for the 4 GB version, the C2 offers sublime audio performance that outweighs its minor quirks. 📺

- Ashish Koshy